

HAMBURG-THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN SOUTHEAST ARK.

WHERE RELIGION, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION COMBINE TO MAKE A FULL LIFE FOR TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILIES.

HAMBURG IS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF ASHLEY CO. THE FIRST DATE OF RECORDED HISTORY IS 1541, WHEN HERNANDO DESOTO AND HIS PARTY OF SPANISH EXPLORERS SPENT THE WINTER HERE. ACCOUNTS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE QUAPAW INDIANS WERE REPORTED IN 1781.

THE NAME "HAMBURG" WAS RECEIVED FROM AN OLD EPISODE: ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, APPOINTED TO SELECT A NAME FOR THE COUNTY SEAT OF JUSTICE, KILLED A DEER NEAR THE TOWN SITE. THE DEER HAD REMARKABLE PAIR OF HAMS, WHICH INSPIRED THE COMMISSIONER TO SUGGEST THE NAME "HAMBURG" TO HIS FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, AND THE NAME CAUGHT FIRE IMMEDIATELY TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE TOWN. HAMBURG WAS LAID OFF AND CALLED A TOWN BY THIS GROUP OF COMMISSIONERS NOV 30, 1848. IT WAS THEN GIVEN THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE COUNTY SEAT OF ASHLEY COUNTY AND REMAINS SO TODAY.

HAMBURG HAS A POPULATION OF 3100. TRANSPORTATION IS EXCELLENT. U. S. HIGHWAY 82 AND STATE HIGHWAYS 81 AND 8 PASS THROUGH THE CITY. MAJOR RAIL, BUS AND TRUCK LINES SERVE HAMBURG. AIR SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE WITH A 6000 FT. PAVED AND LIGHTED RUNWAY.

THE PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE IS TIMBER, COTTON, RICE, SOYBEANS, CORN AND TOMATOES.

THE HAMBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IS A NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITED INSTITUTION. THE STUDENTS ARE HOUSED ON FOUR CAMPUSES, PORTIS SCHOOL (FIRST AND SECOND GRADES), NOBLE SCHOOL (THIRD AND FOURTH), HAMBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL (FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, AND EIGHTH), AND HAMBURG HIGH SCHOOL (NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH). HAMBURG HIGH SCHOOL IS AN ULTRA-MODERN COMPLEX, LOCATED ON A BEAUTIFUL 40 ACRE TRACT, ON HIGHWAY 81 SOUTH. THE NEW FACILITY IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TOTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE PLANT INCLUDES FACILITIES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, DRAMA, MUSIC, ATHLETICS (A BEAUTIFUL CONCRETE STADIUM SEATING 3500 AND A 1200 SEAT GYMNASIUM), AND A COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM. IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAM, HAMBURG SCHOOL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN THROUGH THE TRI-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL, DEVELOPED FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES. THE EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE HAMBURG SCHOOL SYSTEM EXPRESSES THE NEED FOR A WELL-ROUNDED STUDENT, AND STRIVES TO MEET THE SOCIAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND THE ACADEMIC NEED OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.

THE PRINCIPAL NATURAL ATTRACTION IS THE WILDLIFE AND FISH FOUND IN THE FORESTS AND STREAMS THE OUACHITA RIVER AND NUMEROUS SMALL STREAMS AND LAKES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FISHING. THE DEER KILL IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE STATE. THERE ARE OVER 100 ORGANIZED DEER CAMPS. BOU

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THE HAMBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTS AS A CLEARINGHOUSE MEDIUM FOR INQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY.